

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | : | |
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| -against- | : | |
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| CARMELO VELEZ et al., | : | |
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| Defendants. | : | 19-CR-862 (VEC) |
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ORDER

VALERIE CAPRONI, United States District Judge:

WHEREAS on December 10, 2020, the parties appeared for a telephonic status conference;

WHEREAS each Defendant has previously filed a letter waiving physical appearance and agreeing to appear through counsel; and

WHEREAS due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unlikely a trial will be scheduled in this matter until late summer 2021, at the earliest;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defense counsel must continue to work with the Government and the Bureau of Prisons to resolve any issues relating to the review of discovery. The Court encourages the parties to bring any problems and proposed remedies to the Court's attention in a prompt manner.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties must meet and confer about a joint request to the Court to set a briefing schedule on motions to sever or for bills of particulars. Defendant Michael Gonzalez must propose a briefing schedule for any such motions no later than **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties must appear at a status conference on **Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 3:00 P.M.** A motions and trial schedule will be set at this

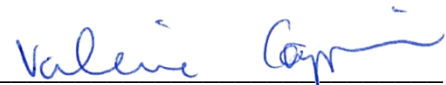
conference. The Court is hopeful that the conference will held in Courtroom 443 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, located at 40 Foley Square, New York, New York 10007. Per the SDNY COVID-19 Courthouse Entry Program, any person who appears at any SDNY courthouse must complete a questionnaire and have his or her temperature taken. Please see the enclosed instructions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested members of the public may attend the conference by dialing 1-888-363-4749, using the access code 3121171 and the security code 0212. All of those accessing the hearing are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that time is excluded under the Speedy Trial Act through June 10, 2021. Given Defendants' interests in reviewing the complex and voluminous discovery in this matter, considering pretrial motions, and negotiating potential dispositions, all of which have been complicated and delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court finds that the ends of justice in accommodating those delays outweigh the Defendants' and the public's interests in a speedy trial, and that exclusion of time between now and the next status conference is warranted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 10, 2020
New York, NY


VALERIE CAPRONI
United States District Judge

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